

U.S. Army Recruiting Command



AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program

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The AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP)

The program provides eligible enlisted soldiers of the active component the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), become a licensed registered Nurse in the Army Nurse Corps and commissioned as a 2LT. Soldiers in the program will continue to receive their current pay and allowances during school, plus academic costs during enrollment period.



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PROGRAM HISTORY

- ▲ 1990: The AECP was approved for soldiers in MOS 91C only.
- ▲ 1992: Opened to all 91 series MOS's.
- ▲ 1994: Opened to all Enlisted MOS's.
- ▲ Presently: A maximum of 100 soldiers per year may participate in the program.
- ▲ Note: ANC may allow more / less starts annually provided funding is available.



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Program Requirements

- ▲ Applicant's must be an enlisted member of the Active component, U.S. Army or MOS qualified in the Reserve or Guard, and able to obtain a conditional release.
- ▲ Must have a **minimum** of 3 years time in service at the start of school year (**may be waived**) for which selected.
- ▲ Applicant must have **no more than** 17 years active federal service at time of commissioning (**may be waivable**).
- ▲ Applicant must be accepted to a recognized school of nursing as defined by **UR 601-37**.
- ▲ The school of nursing must be accredited by the **NLN or CCNE**.
- ▲ The applicant must be able to complete the program within **24** calendar months or less (**no exceptions to this policy**).



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Program Requirements (cont'd)

- ▲ Applicant must be eligible for an appointment as a commissioned officer in the active component in accordance with **AR 135-100 and AR 40-501 (chapter 2)**.
- ▲ Must be able to obtain citizenship by the time of commissioning.
- ▲ Applicant **must start school in the FY** for which they were selected.
- ▲ Applicant must meet current HRC policy for “Time on Station” (**TOS 12 months**) prior to the projected school start date; Human Resources Command (HRC) clearance will be initiated for those selected to participate.



Program Requirements (cont'd)

- ▲ Tuition must not exceed \$9,000 per school year. (no exceptions)
- ▲ Applicant must maintain full-time status during each semester as required by their school. (including summer semesters if required to attend).
- ▲ Must attend in classroom sessions, **no online classes**.
- ▲ Applicants will **receive full pay and benefits** in their current grade while enrolled in the program (eligible for promotions).



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Educational Requirements

- ▲ Must have a 2.5 Cumulative GPA and a 2.5 GPA in the Math and Science courses.
- ▲ Math/Statistics - 6 hours
 - ▲ Natural Sciences - 23 hours (anatomy and physiology, chemistry)
 - ▲ Social Sciences - 9 hours (psychology/sociology/growth and development)
 - ▲ English - 6 hours (must include English Comp)
 - ▲ Humanities - 3 hrs (literature/philosophy)
 - ▲ History - 6 hours
- ▲ **Above requirements may vary based on individual school programs.**
- ▲ Schools will determine the max credit that they will give for all CLEP / DANTES / MOS Credit / Transfer credits.



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Boarding Information

- ▲ Selection Boards- Convene in May of every year.
- ▲ Packets must be received by 1 Feb, every year.
 - ▲ Packets will not be accepted past the deadline date unless prior arrangements have been made between the applicant and program manager.
 - ▲ Transcripts and school letters can be updated prior to board convening.
- ▲ Official results will be posted on a MILPER message. This will be the official notification to all applicants of the boards selection results. Will be posted Mid-June.



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AECP Packet Initiation

(Posted on line)

APPLICATION INITIATION

IN ORDER TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL OF BECOMING AN ARMY NURSE, I NEED YOU TO SEND ME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO INITIATE YOUR APPLICATION FOR FY 09:

SUBJECT: RANK, LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, I (MOS)

BODY OF EMAIL:

I plan on applying this year to the AECP. I (have) or (don't have) the prerequisite courses: (If you are missing courses, list them).

I (require) or (don't) require a waiver. Waivers required are: example TIS, Age etc... Please indicate which category your application falls in:

(1) Fully Qualified - I meet all of the requirements for the course and I don't require any waivers.

(2) Partially Qualified - I meet all of the requirements except - Age, GT Score, etc..

I learned about the program through: The Army Times, Army News Service, Education Center, Military RN etc....

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SSG, USA

210-221-1111 (PHONE NUMBER)



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AECP Packet Initiation (cont'd)

Applicant can pull the DA form 61 down from the web page and send it in with the packet initiation notice:

- DA 61 Application for Appointment
 - Block 1: Commissioned Officer- Regular Army
 - Block 2: AR 135-100
 - Block 6: "X" AN "66H"
 - Block 18: Permanent Address (Home of Record)
 - Block 19: Current Address (Not "same as block 18")
 - Block 42: Sign and Date



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Important Documents

- ▲ Include on the LOI all Prerequisite Courses needed and an academic completion plan for a minimum of 2 schools.
- ▲ UF 1235 (USAREC Form)- AMEDD Academic Worksheet.
- ▲ The following documents must be dated within 6 months at the time application is received:
 - ▲ DA form 4187 (signed by commander) with the following information:
 - ▲ Army Physical Fitness Test Results and Date.
 - ▲ Weight and Weight or Tape Test IAW 600-9.



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Important Documents (cont'd)

- ▲ OMPF Print documents from online and have certified by local MILPO/PSB. No hard copy fiche required. Keep items in order of most recent to oldest. **Include LAST 3, NCOER, 1059, awards**, any certifications, licenses and corrective items
- ▲ MILPO Statement: Must have all questions answered by your MILPO concerning UCMJ actions or flags.
- ▲ DA Photo within 12 months of board date on ERB.



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Important Documents (cont'd)

- ▲ Security Clearance (Interim is good for 180 days)
Interim dated after 30 Dec 07.
- ▲ Commissioning Physical (Original or original signature)
 - ▲ DD 2807/DD 2808
 - ▲ Must include ETOH, Drug Screen and HIV tests with copy of labs.
 - ▲ “Qualified for Commissioning IAW AR 40-501 CHAPTER 2”



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Important Documents (cont'd)

- ▲ Enlisted Review Brief (ERB).
 - ▲ Update and verify with signature.
- ▲ School Letter
 - ▲ **Unconditional.**
 - ▲ **Fully accepted into the BSN program at your chosen school.**
 - ▲ Conditional.
 - ▲ Applicant needs to fulfill course prerequisites or awaiting selection by the school of nursing.
 - ▲ All letters must have the dates that the soldier will start school and the anticipated graduation date from the BSN program.
 - ▲ All letters must have a course breakdown by semester as well as the cost of each semester (one letter for each school).



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Important Documents (cont'd)

- ▲ Applicants must obtain an **unconditional** letter of acceptance no less than 30 days prior to the term start date to receive orders for the AMEDD Student Detachment
- ▲ Letters of Recommendation:
 - ▲ Commander (required).
 - ▲ First Line Supervisor (required).
 - ▲ Chief Nurse (If assigned to a hospital unit).
 - ▲ Two letters of support.
 - ▲ Maximum of five (5) letters.
- ▲ Applicants letter of understanding USAREC form 1280 signed by applicant and applicants commander



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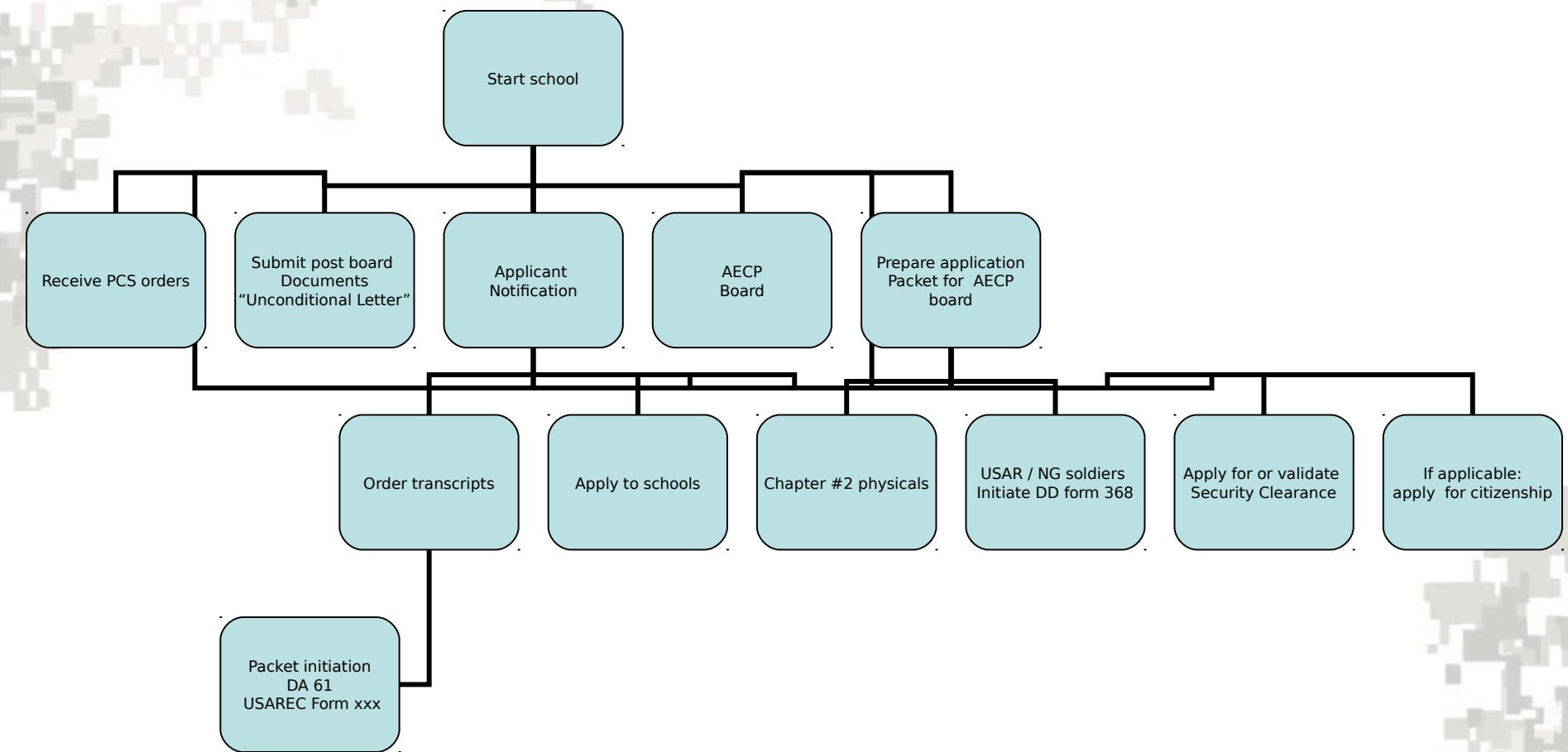
Important Documents (cont'd)

- ▲ Waiver Request – Memorandum format (see guidelines for instructions).
- ▲ Age – Over 32 at the time of commissioning
- ▲ Age in Grade – Over 32 at the time of commissioning
- ▲ Medical – Will be annotated on DD 2808, must include all consult documents, as well as lab results.
- ▲ Conviction – Must have sworn statement and court documents if available.



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AECP PACKET TIME LINE



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COMMAND AND CONTROL

- ▲ AN Branch (USAREC): Fort Knox, Kentucky is responsible for the following:
 - ▲ Academic tracking “Prior to attending school”
 - ▲ Contracts, and Orders into the AECP
 - ▲ Program enrollment
 - ▲ Selection boards
- ▲ AMEDD Student Detachment: Fort Sam Houston, Texas is responsible for the following actions:
 - ▲ Personnel administration (in/out processing, personal finance's, etc)
 - ▲ Commissioning Ceremony
 - ▲ UCMJ authority
 - ▲ Academic tracking “ During the program” USAREC form 2125
 - ▲ Enforcement of program policy
 - ▲ Assignments



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While Attending School (SM responsibilities)

- ▲ Pass your classes (first time, every time)
- ▲ 2125's (grade reports) sent to the AMEDD Student Manager at the end of every semester.
- ▲ Class enrollment schedule with cost due prior to starting each semester, sent to Program Manager.
- ▲ Maintain military bearing (you are still a soldier).
- ▲ Report any problems or changes immediately to Program Manager (morale, physical, school, address, phone number and email).



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Program Completion

- ▲ All accession documents must be received prior to a request for an assignment is sent to HRC (send once you start final semester).
- ▲ Assigned to 1 of 3 OBC dates based on date of NCLEX “PASS” time frame (September, January, March).
- ▲ Soldier's are eligible for 1 of 4 course guarantees (Critical Care, OB/GYN, Psych/Mental Health, Preoperative).
- ▲ Soldiers will need to send in a copy of NCLEX results and final transcripts showing completion of the BSN to Program Manager, once the license are received a copy also needs to sent to the Program Manager.



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The NCLEX

What is it?

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) has one purpose: To determine if it is safe for you to begin practice as an entry level nurse. It is different from any test that you have ever took in nursing school. Nursing school exams are knowledge based. The NCLEX, however, is application based. You will be tested on how you use your critical thinking skills to make nursing judgements.



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Question ??



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CONTACT INFORMATION

- All questions regarding the Army Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP) may be directed to SFC Gregory Florey, Program Manager at: (800)223-3735 extension 60381
- E-mail address: aecp@usarec.army.mil
 - E-mail is the best means of communication.
- www.usarec.army.mil/aecp/
- www.healthcare.goarmy.com
- www.armymedicine.army.mil/otsg/nurse



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